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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 3, delete "wherein transmission" and insert "wherein two transmission".

In claim 1, line 9, delete "the transmission" and insert "the two transmission".

In claim 1, line 15, delete "both" and insert "the two".

In claim 1, line 16, delete "a data" and insert "the data".

In claim 2, line 1, delete "the transmission" and insert "the two transmission".

In claim 3, line 17, delete "no further first" and insert "no further of said first".

In claim 3, line 19, delete "devices and a" and insert "devices and the".

In claim 3, line 21, delete "device" and insert "devices".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 6, recites "assuming...an asynchronous synchronization state...".

The claim does not clearly state whether the devices are in the asynchronous synchronization state or not, since the claim recites as assuming, which is indefinite.

In claim 3, lines 16 and 17, recite "one transmission device... and the other transmission device". It appears that the elements are referring to the first and second transmission device, however, it is indefinite as to whether the further flags are transmitted from the first to the second, or from the second to the first, or both devices.

Claim 2 directly depends on claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, and claim objections set forth in this Office action.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
Present application discloses synchronization between two devices each comprising an encoder and a decoder. Each device initially at an asynchronous synchronization state transmits flags to the other device. When the flags have been successfully received, more flags are sent to the other device. Then, when synchronization has been established, data transmission begins. Closest prior art, Chu, discloses synchronization between two devices starting at an asynchronous synchronization state. The flags are transmitted followed by more flags to establish synchronization.

Upon synchronizing, data transmission occurs. However, Chu does not explicitly teach or suggest wherein both devices transmit flags to other device for synchronization. Therefore, prior art do not teach or suggest in combination all subject matter claimed.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Duncanson et al. teach asynchronous synchronization state in a modem environment.

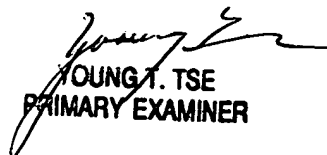
Marks teaches transmission and reception of flags for synchronization in a modem environment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Ahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-3044. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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